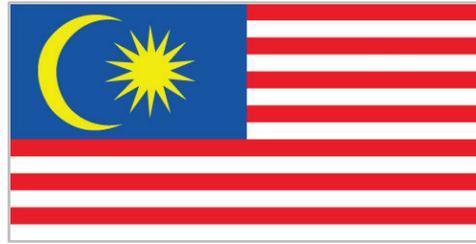




MALAYSIA



INTRODUCTION

The British secured and colonized the area that is now Malaysia during the late 18th and 19th centuries. In 1948, the British-ruled territories on the Malay Peninsula except Singapore formed the Federation of Malaya, which became independent in 1957. Malaysia was formed in 1963 when the former British colonies of Singapore, as well as Sabah and Sarawak on the northern coast of Borneo, joined the Federation. Singapore was expelled in 1965.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

King Sultan ABDULLAH Sultan Ahmad Shah

Head of Government

Prime Minister ISMAIL SABRI Yaakob

Government Type

federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy

Capital

Kuala Lumpur

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlimen consists of: Senate or Dewan Negara (70 seats) and House of Representatives or Dewan Rakyat (222 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 329,847 sq km

Land: 328,657 sq km

water: 1,190 sq km

Climate

tropical; annual southwest (April to October) and northeast (October to February) monsoons

Natural Resources

tin, petroleum, timber, copper, iron ore, natural gas, bauxite

as of October 2021

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

upper middle-income Southeast Asian economy; implementing key anticorruption policies; major electronics, oil, and chemicals exporter; trade sector employs over 40% of jobs; key economic equity initiative; high labor productivity

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$855.6 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$26,400 (2020 est.)

Industries - rubber and oil palm processing and manufacturing, petroleum, natural gas, light manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, medical technology, electronics and semiconductors

Agricultural products - oil palm fruit, rice, poultry, eggs, vegetables, rubber, coconuts, bananas, pineapples, pork

Exports \$207.4 billion (2020 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, natural gas, semiconductors, palm oil (2019)

partners: Singapore 13%, China 13%, US 11%, Hong Kong 6%, Japan 6%, Thailand 5% (2019)

Imports \$185.6 billion (2020 est.)

integrated circuits, refined petroleum, crude petroleum, broadcasting equipment, coal (2019)

partners: China 24%, Singapore 14%, Japan 6%, US 6%, Taiwan 5%, Thailand 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

33.5 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.06% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Bumiputera 62.5%

(Malays and indigenous peoples), Chinese 20.6%, Indian 6.2%, other 0.9%, non-citizens 9.8% (2019 est.)

Language

Bahasa Malaysia (official), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai

Religion

Muslim (official) 61.3%, Buddhist 19.8%, Christian 9.2%, Hindu 6.3%, traditional Chinese religions 1.3%, other 0.4%, none 0.8%, unspecified 1% (2010 est.)

